



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# Minehead update

## NEWS IN YOUR AREA

January 2024

### Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action is a dedicated week both celebrating and highlighting the vital work that the neighbourhood policing teams do across the country to protect the public and keep people safe.

Neighbourhood teams are quite often looking at long-term problem-solving plans for some of the issues you may be having in your area. This is done through engagement with members of our communities, working together with partner agencies and targeted activity to prevent and deter the behaviours or actions causing the problem. Neighbourhood teams can be found across the whole Avon and Somerset force area.

We will be posting updates on our social media across the week giving you more information about what makes up a neighbourhood policing team and answering questions from members of the public.

### Fires in our local parks and recreation areas

We have been made aware that our local Fire Fighters have been called to several small fires in Cross Farm Park and King George Park.

We are also aware that there is some anti-social behaviour happening in addition in the way of damage to fences and eggs being thrown at houses.

If you see or are aware of any behaviours in your area that are causing harassment, alarm, or distress, please make contact so we can look at actions to target the problems.

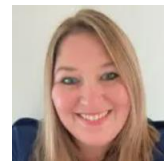
Contact can be made via 101, 999 or crimes can be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers



### **Meet the Minehead Neighbourhood Policing Team**



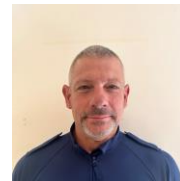
Neighbourhood Sergeant  
Hayden Smith



PCSO Supervisor Katherine Williams



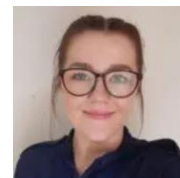
PC Steve Woodward



PCSO Mark Middleton-Smith



PCSO Melanie Cherrington-Firkins



PCSO Sammie Edwards

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## LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 11am – 12noon  
Neighbourhood Surgery  
Café Cream, Minehead

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - 10.30am – 11.30am  
Neighbourhood Surgery  
Talking Café, Minehead Methodist Church

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am – 11am  
Rhyme time, Minehead Library



### Crimes in Minehead for the last 28 days

Violence Against the Person – 41

Theft – 14

Public Order Offences – 12

Sexual Offences – 6

Arson and criminal damage – 3

Drug Offences - 1

### Keep up to date



Facebook and Twitter are a terrific way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

**Facebook:** mineheadandwestsomersetneighbourhoodpolicing

**Twitter:** @ASPWestSom

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

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### Anti-Social Driving

We are receiving reports of boy racers at various locations in the Minehead area.

**Action:** Regular speed checks will be conducted in the area with an aim to reduce speeding vehicles, section 59's will be issued for anti-social driving styles.

### Drugs

To target and hold responsible those using and supplying drugs in the area.

**Action:** To continue working to gain further information on those responsible for drugs in the Minehead area whilst targeting and holding accountable those we find to be involved.

### ASB in the Minehead area

Following continued ASB around the town in areas such as parks and recreation areas

**Action:** Patrols have been increased especially during the peak times at which we have been told the problems are occurring.

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### Shop Thefts

There are several reports regarding shop thefts at shops in Minehead. These may continue to increase due to cost of living.

**Action:** We are working with any stores where possible and have carried out some proactive work to ensure that suspects have been held accountable for their actions,